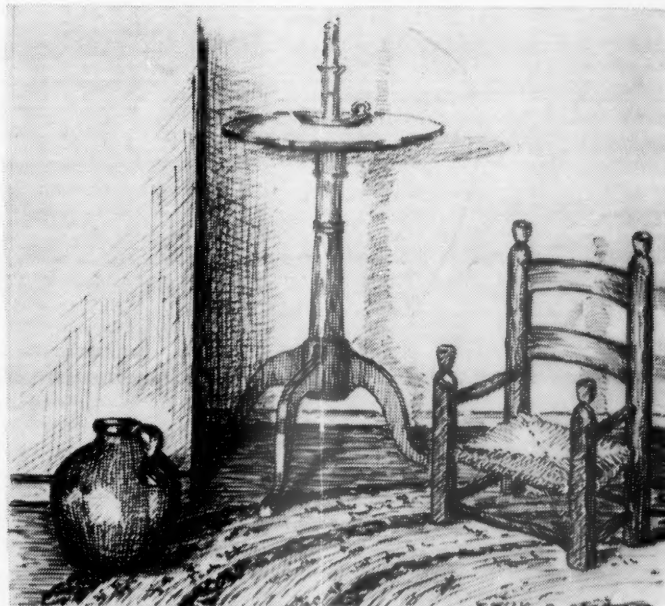


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Child's Chair Built at Setauket in 1805 by Samuel Satterly.
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Home Craft of 1805

There is one thing certain about
 the "do-it-yourself" fad. It is not
 so much a modern hobby as it is a
 spark of the diligence shown by
 people of the past. This spark has
 been fanned back into a little flame
 by one facet of our progress. Al-
 though we might have no wish to
 step back into the days of indi-
 vidual and family industry, the
 present trend toward home-crafts-
 manship may well cause us to re-
 flect upon our forefathers' need for
 self-sufficiency.

Here stands, after one hundred
 and fifty years, a little home-made
 chair, honoring the handiwork of
 a man named Samuel Satterly, my
 great-great-grandfather, who lived
 from 1777 to 1869, in Setauket. It
 was made for his first little girl,
 Anne, when she was four years old
 in December 1805. The date is
 carved on one of its posts.

In earlier times, home-made
 pieces of furniture and equipment
 resulted from essential and per-
 sonal needs. They were built, first
 of all, for utility, and were often
 purposely plain. They were not
 studded with gadgets. Those who
 used them could not fail to ap-
 praise their fundamental purposes
 because of overgadgetting.

The little girl who received this
 chair on her fourth birthday was
 doubtless just as pleased as the
 modern housewife with a brand
 new refrigerator. Children had
 fewer possessions of their very
 own, then, and less to play with
 in the way of toys. Making the
 most of the chair, it was also used
 for play as is evident by its worn
 front posts. Racing with it across
 the hand-braided carpets or the
 wide floor boards, it became a steed
 for their running feet, wearing the
 front posts flat.

No video-entertainment brought
 the merits or the miracles of
 "something new" into the homes of
 those days. No comedians tumbled
 or joked, no lovely ladies danced,
 to herald the arrival of new things
 to come in stores or from assem-
 bly lines. Lacking newspaper or
 magazine articles which explained

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The Door to Christmas

WHEN I was a boy, most folks knew little of the long path of research, followed by Faraday and others, which ended in Edison's electric light. We accepted the lamp from Edison's hands not as a practical application of several theories but as the whole fact from a whole man. We called him "The Wizard of Menlo Park" and as children we believed that the planet Venus of our summer sky was really "Edison's Star" set aloft nightly on a long cable and suspended at so incredible a height by whatever laws support the wonders of childhood.

In fact, his reputation was secure with me after I had once pressed the switch in the storage room behind our farm kitchen and heard its click echo against the unpainted rafters of the ceiling where, for no reason I could make out, a light, infinitely brighter than even the new gas mantles we had used in our former home, blazed out yellowishly.

Mother too, I am sure, appreciated the practical aspects of electricity. Her flat irons and trivets were put aside and a shiny new electric iron took their place. She could not guess that her ice box with its pan below to catch the drippings and her blackened Kalamazoo stove with its flue and polished fittings would also soon be replaced in the age of the electrical appliance.

It was in all respects a period of transition. Even our way of celebrating Christmas was to some degree affected. The change began about a week before December 25th when the door to the parlor was closed and locked. I can remember trying the china knob again and again and protesting to my mother. Although I have not seen or felt a china knob for many

Alonzo Gibbs

years now, the shape and feel of them is still quite tangible to me. Father always placed discarded china knobs in the nests of our Rhode Island Reds and often I felt them there, still warm from the laying hen.

As the youngest member of the family, the myth of Santa Claus was continued in my case beyond reasonable limits. The family knew that my innocence preserved for them an enjoyable conspiracy. So the door remained closed to me alone, and each evening my sister's boyfriend, a mild young man with serious eyes and soft moustache, came with provocative bundles in his arms and disappeared into the parlor.

With ear pressed against the door, I heard a quiet activity within. There were occasional requests for this or that, the sound of feet going up and down the room, an ob-

ject dropped upon the floor, and once the tinkle of glass, followed by Father's laughter.

My curiosity was great and the locked door was enraging to a small boy. I hammered upon it, calling out, "I can see you; I know what it is; you might as well let me in 'cause I know what it is — I can see you through the keyhole!" Of course, I couldn't; the key was in the lock. But each night I tried some new "open sesame" which might gain me entrance.

As the days progressed, the dining room in which I stood, hopelessly isolated from the parlor, became somewhat diverting. Here presents of all sorts, wrapped in red and white tissue paper, were heaped, and seals bearing the face of bearded Old Saint Nick were given me to lick. The tags bore names of persons loved, the sprigs of holly upon them were spiritedly green. About me, as well, were



Chamber in The Old House, Cutchogue

Photo by James van Alst

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dates rolled in sugar, walnuts, butter nuts, filberts, standing in dishes upon the sideboard's top and appearing again, slightly silvered by the light, in the mirror at the rear.

I was put to work stringing popcorn or making paper chains with gold, red, blue and yellow links. The carols were sung. One heard them in the kitchen where pies were being baked and Christmas cookies cut from rolled out dough.

And outside, the winter wind rushed our old Long Island farmhouse. It shouldered the closed doors with the impatience of a small boy and whistled between the posts of the front porch as if to say "Let me in—I know what it is—I can see you!"

But in spite of all diversions, one passion remained with me—the parlor, where some mysterious design was taking shape.

As Christmas Day drew near, sister's boyfriend came earlier. He stamped the snow from his feet and brushed it from his hat. He once let me hold a small package while he removed his overcoat. I shook it and heard metallic sounds beside my ear. What in the world were they doing?

Sometimes, standing at the door, my stockinged legs like two licorice sticks, I had glorious visions of the splendid parlor project: a full-sized pony that worked by a key and pulled a milk wagon in which a boy could ride; a red barn equipped with miniature animals—pigs, horses, sheep—all windable and waiting for a master.

At last, on the night before Christmas Eve, my nerves, fatigued by the long strain of waiting, gave way. With loud wailing, screaming, kicking and beating, I assailed the frustrating door. This tantrum continued for some five minutes and at last I heard my mother's voice, saying, "All right, enough is enough—let him in."

Strangely, her words

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Forgotten Cleric of Southold

A STATEMENT, of all places, in the Memoirs of the notorious Stephen Burroughs who in the early 1790s taught Shelter Island's first school of record and during the next two to three years at Bridgehampton, has led to the filling of a five-year gap in the ecclesiastical history of Southold.

The first five pastors of The Old First Church of Southold and the length of their tenure in the order of their succession were John Youngs 32 years, Joshua Hobart 43 years, Benjamin Woolsey 16 years, James Davenport 8 years and William Throop 8 years. The first three served a total of 91 years; all five an aggregate of 107 years.

During a seven year period between the death of Rev. Throop, Sept. 29, 1756, and the installation in 1763 of John Storrs as the "sixth" pastor Southold had no regular minister, only supplies, of whom but one who served briefly has been heretofore known.

William Throop, the fifth pastor, was the fourth of his name in direct descent. His father married in October 1719 Elizabeth Stansbrough. They located at Lebanon, Ct., where William, their eldest of twelve children, was born August 22, 1720.

Young Throop graduated from Yale in 1743 and later from the college that became Princeton, first established at Elizabethtown, N. J., and moved to nearby Newark. Shortly after the turbulent regime of Davenport, Throop located at Southold. There he served not only as pastor but, like Hobart before him, also a "practioner of physick". Furthermore, during the last two years of his life, Throop was surrogate of Suffolk County. Dying at the age of thirty-six, he was interred in the burying ground surrounding the

Dr. Clarence Ashton Wood

Southold church where also were buried his predecessors Youngs and Hobart. He left three sons, all born in Southold.

Throop became a great-uncle of Enos T. Throop of Auburn who succeeded Martin Van Buren as Governor of New York, holding that office from 1829 to 1833.

Storrs was the ancestor of three successive Rev. Dr. Richard Salter Storrs, the last being the Brooklyn divine who was the orator at Southold's 250th anniversary celebration in 1890.

After the death of Throop, Southold's fifth pastor, Smith Stratton, born at East Hampton July 16, 1723, the son of John Stratton, a weaver and farmer, and wife Elizabeth (born a Smith), is listed in the succession of Southold ministers. He was ordained in 1755 and died March 10, 1758, at the age of thirty-five, being buried in the Southold cemetery. There is uncertainty as to his actual settlement and

also as to the period of his service.

That leaves a gap of about five years in the roster of ministers at the church prior to the coming of Rev. Storrs. By a happy adventure I am enabled to state that during the last three of those years Moses Baldwin "ordained as an evangelist, labored as such at Southold."

Eden Burroughs, a clergyman at Hanover, N. H., seat of Dartmouth College of which he was a trustee, had a son Stephen who, under the name of Edenson instead of Burroughs, for a time posed in Massachusetts as a minister of the gospel. Fortified with manuscripts of certain of his father's sermons, he traveled down the Connecticut River some 150 miles to Ludlow where the church was "destitute of a clergyman."

There for one Sunday only he essayed to preach twice. From there he moved on to Palmer, about twenty miles distant, on the "great road" from Worcester to Springfield, in Hampden county. Of



The Old First Church, Southold

From Pencil Sketch by Cyril A. Lewis, Noted Island Painter

Moses Baldwin, the then minister at Palmer, the presumptuous Stephen Edenson (the son of Eden Burroughs), sought information about vacant pulpits in the vicinity.

Pastor Baldwin examined into the bogus minister's education and knowledge of theology. The aged clergyman, finding "all agreeing with his ideas of orthodoxy," gave Burroughs (son of Eden whose sermons he had purloined) a letter of introduction to Deacon Gray at Pelham, eastward of Amherst.

At Pelham young Burroughs preached four Sabbaths on trial at five dollars a Sunday, with board and "horse-keeping". For about five months he occupied the Pelham pulpit until it was discovered that he was reading his father's sermons. He thereupon absconded and sought obscurity teaching school on eastern Long Island. His is a long and remarkable story recorded in his Memoirs which poet Robert Frost, in the preface to a modern version thereof, admonishes the reader to put "on the same shelf with Benjamin Franklin and Jonathan Edwards".

But from Burroughs at Pelham and his Memoirs we here return to Rev. Moses Baldwin at Palmer.

Eight years before Baldwin moved from Southold to New

England, the people of Palmer voted July 29, 1752 to invite Timothy Symmes of Aquebogue to locate with them. Symmes was a graduate of Harvard and was to become the grandfather of Anna Symmes, the wife of one President Harrison of the United States and the grandmother of another. Symmes, however, says the record, "failed of going to our Presbytery" and did not become the minister of the Palmer church.

A History of Palmer, early known as "The Elbow Tract," published in 1889, says that "Some have had account of Mr. Baldwin's being a person likely to suit the people", and that he "was preferred" over other candidates.

On October 27, 1760 the people of Palmer voted "to send Seth Shaw to Southold on Long Island" and invite Baldwin "to labor in this corner of the vineyard". Deacon Shaw was paid eight dollars for the expenses of his trip. The deacon was a prominent citizen of Palmer, a member of one of its "good families." So also was poor William Shaw, at the hanging of whom at Springfield, Parson Baldwin preached the customary sermon Dec. 13, 1770, a decade after the clergyman "came on" to Palmer.

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Ethan Allen Was Paroled Here

IN September of 1775 Ethan Allen, the hero of Ticonderoga, was captured by the British in a foolhardy attempt to surprise Montreal. The Vermont patriot and leader of the Green Mountain Boys spent seven months of his long term of imprisonment, which lasted for two years and eight months, as a parolee in the New Lots section of Brooklyn. Removed from New York on January 22, 1777, he was billeted on some luckless New Lots citizen for the stipulated sum of two dollars a week.

Sorely - needed sums of money, provided him from time to time, helped in no small way to make life tolerable for the British prisoner of war. His brother, Levi, took him thirty-five pounds. Jonas Fay, the doctor and surgeon of the Green Mountain Boys, sent him two pounds eight shillings. Colonel Selah Hart paid him eight pounds for back wages in the service of the Continental Army. These monies served to make his existence "on the westerly part of Long-Island" comfortable, but his animal vigor and ferocious energy yearned for an outlet. He found it almost unbearable to remain idly marking time among other Continental officers as one of the "mere ciphers exempted from both danger and honour." He longed to be fighting at the front instead of listening to reports of Burgoyne's advance.

The "philosophic serenity of mind," which he enjoyed as a billeted parolee in New Lots, was marred by two pieces of news that saddened him. A letter from his brother, Herman, announced the death of Allen's only son, Joseph, of smallpox. The grief of the desponding father is clear in these lines, which he wrote in reply:

"... I had promised myself great delight in clasping the

Dr. Charles A. Huguenin



Ethan Allen

This statue outside the state building at Montpelier, Vermont, is the work of Larkin Goldsmith Meade, American sculptor, 1835-1910.

charming boy in my arms, and in recounting to him my adventures. But mortality has frustrated my fond hopes, and with him my name expires—My only son, the darling of my soul—who should have inherited my fortune, and maintained the honour of the family."

The anguish of the parent for a moment strains for expression in some overt form of action:

"I fear some quack doctor has murdered him to improve in the art of inoculation. If I find it so when I return to the circumstance of Liberty and have a certainty of the truth of this Conjecture, I shall destroy such a wretch from the face of the earth."

Later in the summer, he wrote to his brother, Levi, to thank him again for the gift of the thirty-five pounds. Time had not yet assuaged the fath-

er's sense of bereavement.

"The death of my little boy closely affects the tender passions of my soul, and by turns gives me the most sensible grief."

The other piece of news that saddened Ethan Allen as parolee in Brooklyn was the conquest of Ticonderoga by General Burgoyne. His own spectacular and bloodless capture of the fortress in the gray dawn of May 10, 1775, more than two years before, was vitalized. The enforced evacuation of Ticonderoga by the American garrison impelled the saddened prisoner into a philosophic trend of thought that surprises us in a man of impetuous action, who had much of the lawless, insubordinate frontier in his composition.

"I perceive that Ticonderoga, like other tenements and possessions of this changeable world, is snatched from hand to hand."

On August 25, 1777 Ethan Allen was apprehended by a sergeant's guard in a tavern in company with more than a dozen other paroled Continental officers and charged with infringement of his parole. In his own narrative of his captivity, Ethan Allen denied having broken the rules of his parole, and he called his arrest a matter of "artful, mean and pitiful pretences." According to Biographer John Pell, Allen admitted to Joseph Webb, who visited him a few days later, that the accusation was partly true.

At any rate, under a heavy guard the prisoner was marched away, rowed across the river to New York, and immured in solitary confinement in the Provost Jail, which occupied the present site of City Hall Park. After several days he was subsequently removed from the "lonely apartment, next above the dungeon" to a room which

he shared with over twenty Continental officers, some militia officers, and a few private gentlemen. Here he quarreled with one cell-mate named Captain Travis of Virginia until the clothes of both combatants were in shreds, and he clasped his hands in prayer over another cell-mate named the Reverend Joshua Hartt of Smithtown on Long Island when the latter lay unconscious at death's door of prison fever. It was nearly nine months before he was finally exchanged for British Colonel Archibald Campbell to join Washington at Valley Forge.

Home Craft of 1805

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"how to", or gave plans and pointers on good design, people had to rely upon their own ingenuity. In preparation for things needed or desired, work-benches and often the tools had to be made. If folks had not "done-it-themselves", they would have gone without. The in-

dustry of their hands, the determined diligence and pride of workmanship, gave them better things to live with as time went on.

"Waste not; want not", maxim of those other days, made it imperative for them to select the wood cuttings for various purposes. The choicer pieces were saved for important articles of farm equipment and furniture, where greater strength was needed and the pride of craftsmanship could be preserved throughout the years. The bits and less-even pieces could thus be used for accessory things, like a child's chair. Our faster-moving world would scarcely permit such small economies today. Progress, and the larger Economy, seem to demand not too careful use of every last piece of material in the making of things.

Here is this little chair then, a symbol of the past. It is just twenty-one inches high, made of cherry wood, its various rungs and cross-pieces ever so slightly bent, reminding one of the turns in growth of the tree from which it was cut. Its rush seat, only, made of a more fragile grass-like plant, has given way to time and is now held in place by a covering. Otherwise, it is as solid and as strong as it was a century and a half ago.

(Mrs.) Emily B. Steffens
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Some Notes From Long Ago

IN the old days, the pieces in a patchwork quilt often brought to mind stories of people and places otherwise long forgotten. These stories often had no connection with each other. Because my eyes, though better, still balk at reading manuscripts, I made my story quilt from many sources, such as Onderdonk's *Revolutionary Incidents*, Strong's *History of Flatbush*, and Furman's *Antiquities of Long Island*.

Among the solemn accounts of the Revolutionary War, we came across an advertisement for a runaway slave who certainly took a whole wardrobe of clothes along with him. He belonged to Widow Henderickie Lott of Flatlands. On November 4th, 1778, she offered a reward of 5 pounds for his capture. This is what he had taken with him: 3 coats, 8 shirts, 4 trousers, and two pair of breeches, stockings, etc., and on his shoes were 2 large square silver buckles. (I wonder how he got away with it all.)

A Mr. Raymond was certainly devoted to the American cause. While British troops were stationed in Flatlands, he deserted and escaped to an American merchant ship, which unfortunately was captured by the British. Returned to his regiment for deserting he was forced to run the gauntlet, passing ten times between rows of soldiers who lashed his bare back with whips, a sergeant going ahead to keep him from walking too fast. In spite of all this punishment, he recovered and escaped to Philadelphia where he was made much of when people heard his story.

The next piece in our quilt has to do with the War of 1812. On what we call Tinker's Point, which was originally George's Neck, was mounted a single cannon to

Kate Wheeler Strong

protect Port Jefferson Harbor. In spite of that, the British went in and captured a number of schooners. Thereafter local residents called the place Fort Nonsense, because of its one ineffective cannon.

Here are some interesting pieces in our quilt about what lies under the surface of Long Island. It is said that my great-great-grandfather while digging a well here on the Neck found a treetrunk at a depth of forty feet. In another case, Israel Carl dug a deep well for his cattle. The sand he dug up was spread in a circle around the well. Imagine his amazement when the whole circle produced a growth of white clover, although there had been no white clover within miles. The seed evidently had lain in that sand for years.

And now for a cure for rheumatism. The patient was taken to Fire Island, where a deep hole was dug in the sand.

The patient either walked or was carried to the edge of the hole. His clothes were taken off and he was buried up to the neck. If one arm was not afflicted, that was allowed to stay out. So great was the pressure of the sand, that fifteen minutes was the longest a patient could remain there. He was then dug up and covered very warmly. In fact, he had to be kept very heavily clothed for the next few days, for fear of catching cold. The account does not state how many, if any, were cured by this method. I do not think that anyone would like to try it today, in order to find out.

A sexton in old Huntington must have had an easy job. He agreed to sweep the church once a month, carry out the dirt, dust the seats and ring the bell for services, weddings, and funerals. For this he was to receive 4 pounds a year.

This is certainly a mixture,

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By John Tooker

In 1656 Governor Peter Stuyvesant issued a warrant for the settlement of Jamaica, L. I. It was called Rustdorp at first, meaning quiet village. Jamaica is believed by some to be named after a group of Jameco Indians that lived near Beaver Pond. The early settlers who came from Hempstead and Connecticut were mostly Presbyterians with some Dutch Reformed, Quakers, and Anglicans among them. One early settler whose descendants played important parts in the community affairs of Jamaica and Hempstead, and in the development of transportation facilities on L. I., was Joseph Thurston, who was born at Dedham, Mass., July 15, 1640, and who came to Jamaica in 1662. He was the third child of John and Margaret Thurston and the first of their ten children to be born in America.

His father, a carpenter of Wrentham, Suffolk County, England, was born in January, 1601. On May 10, 1637, when he was 36 and his wife 32, they sailed from Yarmouth for America in the ship Mary Ann, with two sons, Thomas and John, and settled in Dedham. It was a custom then for skilled mechanics coming to America to have their passage paid which had to be worked out after arrival. John Thurston spent six years working out his passage, and became a freeman on February 16, 1643, when a lot was granted to him in Dedham. All of their children except Joseph settled near their parents in the adjoining towns of Medfield and Wrentham, Mass.

Joseph Thurston may have been already married to a woman named Anne when in 1662 he came to Jamaica, where he was granted a lot on which he built his home. He was a farmer, a Presbyterian, and one of twenty-four persons who subscribed to the purchase of a house and lot for the use of the Presbyterian minister. Joseph and Anne had eight children. His will was drawn in 1688 and he died at Jamaica in 1691.

Benjamin Thurston, son of Joseph and Anne, was a blacksmith who was appointed to superintend the building of a church in Jamaica. That was the stone church built in 1699 at the head of present Union Hall St., for which all inhabitants, regardless of religious beliefs, were taxed. When Lord Cornbury moved the colonial government to Jamaica in 1702 because of a plague in New York City, this church property was placed at his disposal for official use during his stay. But upon re-

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turning to his New York headquarters, he turned the property over to the Jamaica Anglican Church, claiming that as it had been maintained by town taxes it really belonged to the Crown and therefore to its church in America—the Anglican.

After a long legal battle the property was restored to the Presbyterians in 1710, and the Anglicans ousted. During the Revolution the British used this church as a prison and Gen. Nathaniel Woodhull was confined there on the night of August 28, 1776. Benjamin Thurston, builder of the



church, died in 1710. Samuel, one of his brothers, an Episcopalian, was the keeper of the Jamaica jail.

John Thurston, grandson of Benjamin, was born at Jamaica on February 28, 1727. He married Mary Boquet, and was Postmaster of Jamaica in 1775. In that year he voted against sending delegates from Queens County to the New York Provincial Congress, but later recanted and reversed his vote. His son William joined a company of Minute Men in 1775 and, with his father and many others from Queens County, on January 19, 1776, signed the Association pledge to support the Patriot cause.

Daniel Thurston, son of Joseph and Anne, was a blacksmith, having learned the trade from his brother Benjamin. On November 16, 1699, Daniel was granted a building lot by the town of Hempstead on condition that he settle there as the "village smithy". His son Daniel also became a blacksmith at Hempstead.

William Thurston, son of the second Daniel, was born at Hempstead in 1742-3, married Phebe Rhodes on May 18, 1772, and died in 1833 at the age of 90. He left four sons, John, James, Thomas and Joseph. John, the eldest, is first heard of in the War of 1812 as a private in Capt. Joseph Dean's Brooklyn company of the Sixty-Fourth Kings County Regiment in command of Major Frank Titus. The Sixty-Fourth with three other regiments formed the Twenty-Second Brigade of infantry commanded by Brigadier Gen. Jeremiah Johnson. This brigade of 1750 men which manned the fortifications across Brooklyn from the Wallabout to Gowanus, to repulse British invasion which had been rumored but never materialized,

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Following the war John Thurston became a stagedriver between New York and Sag Harbor and eventually owned the stageline that carried mail as well as passengers between Brooklyn and East Hampton. With the coming of the railroad's mainline in the 1840s, however, he retired to a small farm on the South Country road at West Moriches. He and his wife, Catherine Ruland of Patchogue, had two children who reached maturity: Phoebe Lillian, born July 13, 1833, and John C., born in 1839.

John Thurston died April 2, 1877, at the age of 82, from a fall on the ice some months before. His widow died at Center Moriches August 16, 1898, at the age of 85. The Thurston homestead at West Moriches was still standing

in 1954 but in a very dilapidated condition.

In the old Prospect Cemetery on 159th Street, Jamaica, opened in 1660, are five Thurston gravestones with the inscriptions still legible. Four are for John Thurston (the postmaster), his wife Mary, a daughter Mary, and two infant sons both named John and both names on the same stone. Close to the other four is a stone marked as follows: "Benjamin Thurston, who died January 9, 1805, aged 72 years."

On the roster of Col. Josiah Smith's regiment of L. I. Militia, as of July 1775, is found the name of Benjamin Thurston, sergeant. A Benjamin Thurston, who may have been the same person, was born December 17, 1732, and, according to a printed reference, died unmarried on January 16, 1805. He is believed to have been a doctor who lived at one time in Goshen, N. Y., where he was made a Lt.-Col. of Militia. In his will he left 50 lbs. to the Jamaica Presbyterian Church. There is a difference of only seven days between the date on the stone, (Jan. 9th) and that in the printed reference (Jan. 16th).

Among the streets in old Jamaica named to commemorate prominent families, is Thurston Street located in the southern part near the Higbie Avenue station of the LIRR.

Wading River History

"The Wading River—Pauquaconsuk" is the title of a 50-page volume by Evelyn Rowley Meier whose factual stories of that picturesque community's past have appeared in the Long Island Forum from time to time. Needless to say, Mrs. Meier has done an excellent job, under the auspices of the Wading River Historical Society. A fold-in chart of the old north shore village locates the many points of historical interest. The chart is the work of Lars de Lagersberg who, with William L. Miller, Edwin S. Lapham and Charles A. Wood, is credited for tireless activity in connection with the Society's purchase of the old Mary Raynor Howell house as permanent headquarters.

The present officers of the Society are Jesse R. Rentsch, president; George P. Morse, vice-president; Mrs. John Korinek, secretary; Robert Reid, treasurer; Mrs. Norman Bruen, Helen Tuthill, J. Fred Dugan, Charles A. Wood, Edwin S. Lapham and James A. Keillor, directors.

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The Door to Christmas

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shamed me completely, and sobered me immediately, for I knew then that I, too, wished the secret kept.

But as the key turned in the lock, the door to Christmas opened, and through tears still flowing I saw in the far corner of an otherwise darkened room, a tall, graceful tree. It came to me first as a remembered fragrance and as a prim depth of needles glistening before its own shadowed tracery on the wall-papered wall. I went forward hesitantly and the needles pricked my hands before I realized that the tree was lighting itself. In astonishment I saw around me small, hand-wired lamps glowing as multi-colored fruits at the tip of every bough. They made the branches shimmer with light as the tree rose in ever

smaller parasols of green. And at the top, brighter than all else, a fascinating star shone blue white amid its golden tinsel.

Old Patchogue Schooner

Isaac S. Stivers of Samoset, Florida, former resident of Riverhead, sends a clipping from the June 1955 issue of "Motorboating" which tells of "Down East Windjammer Vacations", and which mentions the schooner Mattie, still doing service in Capt. Frank Swift's fleet of pleasure vessels, stationed at Camden, Maine. The 72-foot Mattie was originally launched at Patchogue in 1882 as the Grace Bailey, named for a daughter of Edwin Bailey, Sr., founder of the one-time Bailey lumber mill on Patchogue river. It is possible that the schooner was built at the shipyard of Gilbert Smith which stood near the mill. Now 73 years old, the vessel speaks well for the workmanship of its builder, whoever he may have been.

Queequeg and the Barrow

Herman Melville's "Moby Dick", published in 1851, tells of a South

Sea Islander named Queequeg arriving at Sag Harbor for the first time. Told to use a wheelbarrow standing on Long Wharf to transport his seachest from the ship to his boarding house, and never having seen a wheelbarrow before, he lashed the chest to the vehicle, then shouldered the barrow—chest and all—and strode up the wharf, to the amusement of his shipmates.

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Nelson Miller, Treadmill

The picture of the treadmill and plodding horses on the Forum November cover vividly brings memories of the early 1900s. Our neighbor, Nelson (Uncle Nel) Bishop, was a threshing, woodsawing and grain-reaping contractor. I can still visualize his two horses—Billy Grey and Sam. No humans were ever treated with more deference or kindness than the bay and the dappled-grey.

Wilson L. Glover
Southold

I would like to ask Mr. Baker who wrote on "The DrikanTERS of Long Island" in the November issue, just how to identify these geological specimens. Corydon S. Terry, Long Island City.

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Baldwin was installed June 17, 1761, and Deacon Shaw sat under his ministrations for thirty-two years, mostly in the old original meeting house, dying March 29, 1798 at the age of 81.

The preacher, twenty-eight years old at the time of his call to Palmer, was born Nov. 4, 1732 at Newark, N. J., two months after the death of his father. His mother also died four years later. For about two years the boy lived with his "Uncle Harrison". Thereafter he lived until he was fifteen with Moses Ball, his mother's uncle. He graduated in 1757 at Princeton. He was a lineal descendant of Nathaniel Baldwin from Buckinghamshire, England, who settled in 1639 at Milford, Connecticut.

Four years after locating at

Palmer, Baldwin in 1765 married Rebecca Seymour Lee. They had the following sons: John 1770-1826, Daniel 1771-1792, Era Lee 1773-1796, William 1776-1806, and Moses 1787-1806. John graduated at Dartmouth in 1791, Daniel died while a senior there, William "lived in town" in a house which his father built near his own, and Ezra Lee died at the age of 23. Henry Porter Baldwin, son of John and grandson of Parson Baldwin, served four years as Governor of Michigan.

Though "Parson Baldwin had a powerful voice" it was with difficulty that his prayers and sermons could be followed in the old meeting house "during the nesting time of the swallows, who kept up their customary twittering and fluttering in meeting time", we read in historian J. H. Tempie's record of The Elbow Tract.

"As a preacher", he who was an evangelist some three years at Southold and for a half century later pastor at

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later was known. On March 14, 1661, Governor Stuyvesant, it is said, once more emerged from the old Conselyea house "supporting this time a heavy dinner on his historic wooden leg, rather unsteadied from heavy lager," and christened the new village "Boswicks," the Low Dutch name for heavy woods, which became Americanized as "Bushwick."

Twenty-two house lots were laid out and one was owned by William Traphagen, doctor and medical officer, one of whose descendants, belonging to the branch which migrated to New Jersey some two hundred years later, early in the Eighteenth Century, was to marry Judge Conselyea's daughter, Sarah (1810-1866). Most of the early inhabitants were farmers, raising

fruits and vegetables, and it was their land which alert real estate operators, even as today, began to covet for suburban home developments.

Phebe Duryea Conselyea (1787-1870), wife of Judge William Conselyea (1784-1851), was also descended from the solid citizenry of early Dutch settlers. Her great-grandfather, Peter Schenck, was the original owner of the Schenck-Wyckoff house, another of Brooklyn's famous landmarks. Still another ancestor of Phebe's on her mother's side, Jean Meserole, owned a farm in the neighborhood, and legend tells us that the old Meserole home was a favorite stopping place of Captain Kidd when he touched New York waters. Kidd was supposed to have fallen



Phebe Conselyea



William Conselyea

this clan born in the Eighteenth Century, and they are the paternal great-grandparents of Ethel Traphagen, founder of the Traphagen School of Fashion.

In the Seventeenth Century, the Conselyeas were living in a characteristic house of that time and place. The window sills of this dwelling would "seat three men comfortably," being each a foot in depth. "The ceilings were supported by ponderous beams painted brown," and the flooring was of boards seventeen inches wide. The records of the West India Company show that in 1660 a movement was begun to lay out a town plot in that community. Peter Stuyvesant dined at the Conselyeas' house when considering the establishment of Bushwick, as it



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A Painting of the old Conselyea house in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn, made well over a half century ago.

in love with a Bushwick girl who died before he could claim her for his wife.

The Conselyea house, pictured here, is considered typical of the historic homes that existed in those days. The last member of the family ever to live in that lovely, quaint old place died in 1873, and with her going the Conselyeas de-

parted from this home of their forebears. In that section of Bushwick, however, there can still be seen today traces of the three centuries of history that preceded the building of a city. The Conselyea portraits are now in the Museum Collection of the Traphagen School, at 1680 Broadway (52nd St.), New York.

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but no more so than when in a quilt, a piece of little sister's red calico gown comes next to satin from great-aunt Eliza's wedding dress or a bit from great - great - grandfather's dressing gown. Such is life's mixture!

Two Rocky Points

There are, writes Samuel B. Cross of Westhampton Beach in reply to a question, "two Rocky Points in Suffolk County". One is between Shoreham on the east and Miller Place on the west. The other is one mile northwest of the East Marion post office in Southold town and has a lighthouse.

Iris and Alonzo Gibbs' fine description of Massatayun Creek in the November issue failed to mention that the lower section in Massapequa was long known as Brickhouse Creek. O.R.K.

I always read the Forum cover to cover and find most everything in it is interesting. Philip G. Smith, Glens Falls, N. Y.



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Palmer, "was bold, animated and fervent, and much given to gesticulation." Also that his sermons showed that "he depended a good deal on the spur of the moment, many of the sentences being only begun, the filling out being left to the quickened intellect and excited feelings of the hour and the occasion."

He is said to have been tall in stature and of dark complexion, social in his nature; full of good feeling and hearty sympathy, which rendered him a genial companion and a welcome visitor at the homes of his parishioners.

His pastorate at Palmer terminated in 1811 and he died there in 1813. His wife Rebecca lived until 1842, dying at the great age of 97 years.

Burroughs, while on his way to imprisonment at "the Castle" on an island near Boston, again met with Parson Baldwin who had recommended him to Pelham. In his Memoirs, Burroughs wrote that on that occasion "The good old gentleman was truly affected" and that "instead of reflections", which Burroughs expected, the clergyman lamented "my untimely fall; wished I might meet with some alleviating circumstances in my sentence, before the expiration of my confinement."

The chronicler of Palmer says "if tradition represents Rev. Moses Baldwin as a preacher or pastor with less assurance of piety than may be manifested in ministers of a later date, we may answer the criticism: He was a man of his day; he labored for half a century for the good of the people of Palmer, and to their satisfaction; and they were ever ready to say he was 'blessed'."

History is indebted to Stephen Burroughs, the brilliant though wayward son of Parson Eden Burroughs of Hanover, for the two allusions in his Memoirs to the long-

time clergyman at Palmer which have led to the enrollment of Parson Moses Bald-

win on the roster of preachers at The Old First Church at Southold.

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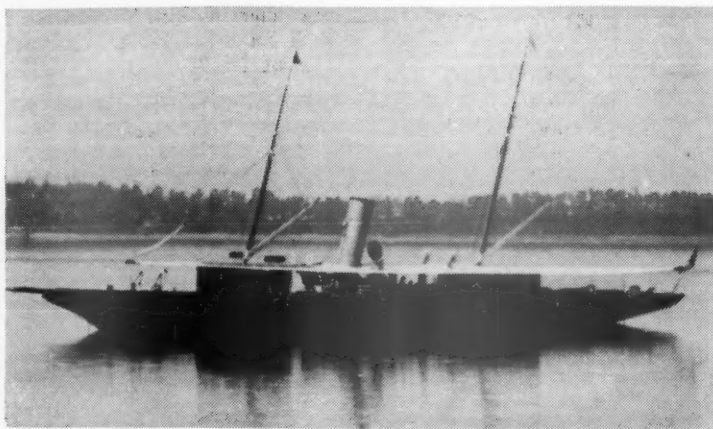
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Pawnee vs. Freelance

The item by John Tooker in the October issue of the Forum, relating to the steam yacht Freelance owned by F. Augustus Schermerhorn, recalls an untoward incident of a slight collision with that famous yacht.

It was in the summer of 1903. At that time I owned an ancient 38-foot sloop yacht the Pawnee, my first yacht, with Whitestone her home port.

Mr. Schermerhorn owned a large estate at Whitestone Point and often had his yacht Freelance anchored off this port as he used the yacht to commute to his office in New York City. At times there is a strong tide in this vicinity which takes expert maneuvering with a sailboat to get away from the mooring and keep clear of the numerous craft at anchor. My yacht had a 14-foot bowsprit and as she filled away from the mooring I was headed directly for the port side of the Freelance. In an endeavor to make the yacht payoff I stripped the gears on my steering wheel which left me helpless for maneuvering and the long bowsprit rode over the beautiful, polished mahogany rail of the Freelance, leaving a deep gouge from the wire rope bobstay as two of the crew grabbed the bowsprit and tried to fend her off.



**Steam Yacht Freelance of the late F. August Schermerhorn
at Whitestone in 1903**

I called on Mr. Schermerhorn at his office shortly after and found him very gracious. He said, "My crew can easily take care of this small damage. When you go yacht-

ing you must expect those things." And the incident was closed.

H. W. Loweree
Port Washington

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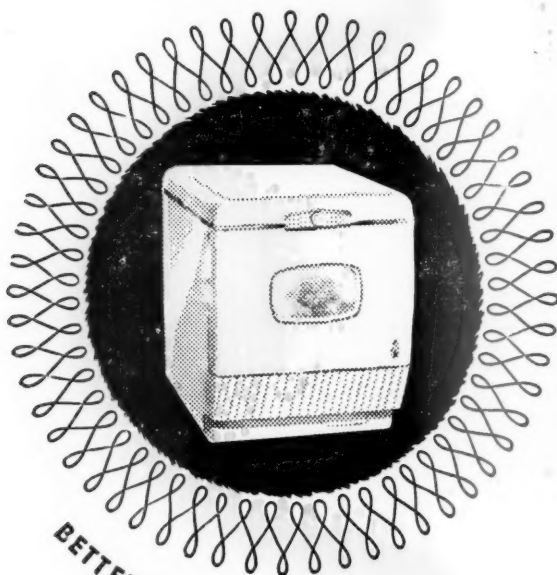
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East Williston Cart

Each issue of the Forum, in its entirety, is extremely interesting and each seems to contain one item at least which reminds me of some event in my own life. A point in view is the East Williston Cart on the cover of the October issue. I enclose a rather faded photograph of an East Williston Cart drawn by one of our horses, a beautiful roan, whose name I have forgotten. The driver was our coachman, Thomas Fauls, who served my parents faithfully for thirty-five years.

Our cart, which I knew as a Mineola Cart, apparently was a later model than the one on the cover as, you will note, it has lamps on the dashboard and also mudguards.

The Carriage display of the Suffolk Museum at Stony Brook must be exceedingly interesting and some day I hope to be able to visit it, and once again roam among the vehicles which served us so well many years ago.

I was also interested to learn (in the October issue of the Forum) that Colonel William "Tangier" Smith had such an outstanding record in Tangier, and I will pass this information along to my sister, who was born in Glen Cove. Anna Mary Haines Sherwood, and now is Madame Ferdinando Malmusi of 6 rue Larache, Tangier, Morocco. Her husband, who passed away nine years ago, was the Presiding Judge of the International Court of Tangier.

Horace T. K. Sherwood
Long Beach, California.

Note: We regret that the photo which the one time mayor of Glen Cove enclosed is too faded to be reproduced as a cut.

Congratulations to Wilson L. Glover for another good whaling story. (Whalers Took Chances, November issue). J. P. Sullivan, Long Beach.

I have found your magazine most enjoyable particularly articles written by Dr. Huguenin. A. M. Stone, New York.

Liked Robert R. Coies' "Sauntering Down Long Island" (November issue). It isn't much more than 50 years ago that every community on the island had horse-drawn stages meeting the trains. Fred F. Woodrow, Hempstead.

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